



Objections to Annual 2019 Liquor License Renewals

April 15, 2019

Annual Objection Process

1. Law and Public Safety Committee votes on objections.
2. Approved objections are put before City Council for approval.
3. If approved by City Council, Division of Liquor Control conducts a hearing on the City's request and makes a decision.
4. Either party (permit holder or City) may appeal to the Liquor Control Commission, which will conduct a new hearing and make a decision.
5. Either party (permit holder or City) may appeal the decision to Common Pleas court in Franklin County which will make a decision based on the evidence presented during the hearing in front of the Liquor Control Commission.
6. Either party (permit holder or City) may appeal the court's decision to the Tenth District Court of Appeals which will make a decision
7. Either party (permit holder or City), may appeal the Tenth District's decision to the Ohio Supreme Court.

In summary:

- 2 evidentiary hearings
- 3 appeals as of right

Crime & Liquor Permit Premises

Crime is ten times more likely to occur in a liquor permit premises than elsewhere.

Even so, crime IS NOT distributed across all bars equally. A few liquor permit premises drive crime.

In Cincinnati:

- 83.7% locations have five or fewer documented crimes
- 23.4% locations have no crime
- 5.2% locations had 10 or more crimes in a two year period

10 liquor permit establishments account for 25% of all crime at all liquor permit establishments.

TAMARA D. MADENSEN, BAR MANAGEMENT AND CRIME: TOWARDS A DYNAMIC THEORY OF PLACE MANAGEMENT AND CRIME HOTSPOTS (2007) at 22, 67.

Summary of Objections

1. C&D Drive Thru – 1979 W. North Bend Road
2. Andy's Café – 7201 Vine Street
3. Warsaw Food Mart – 3406 Warsaw Avenue
4. Mr. Sushi – 138 W. McMillan Street
5. Uncle Woody's – 339 Calhoun Street
6. Knowlton's Tavern – 1326 Knowlton Street
7. Brownstone – 7733 Reading Road

C&D Drive Thru



Location: 1979 W. North Bend Road

Neighborhood: College Hill

Permit Holder: TAK Inc.

Reason for Objection: Four liquor violations including selling liquor while suspended

C&D Drive Thru - Timeline

4/13/18: Liquor permit reinstated by Liquor Control Commission after termination for non-payment of taxes

4/13/18: Served an underage person with alcohol (fine/suspension ordered)

4/29/18: Sold alcohol on Sunday (fine/suspension ordered)

6/14/18: Served an underage person with alcohol

11/30/18: Sold alcohol while under suspension

1/8/19: Illegal sale and/or possession of dangerous drugs

3/8/19: Liquor Control Commission terminated permit for failing to pay taxes

Andy's Café



Location: 7201 Vine Street

Neighborhood: Carthage

Permit Holder: R&C LLC

Reason for Objection: Violence, disorder, drug activity and failure to comply with health and safety regulations within a reasonable time

Andy's Café - Timeline

12/16/17: Shooting in parking lot

1/5/18: Homicide (shooting) inside bar

1/6/18: Aggravated menacing in bar

1/23/18: Liquor inspection – officers observed burnt marijuana butts and the strong odor of marijuana throughout (fine/suspension ordered)

1/31/18: Orders to correct building code violations issued for hazardous wiring, blocked egress, and inadequate fire resistance

2/11/18: Shots fired

2/12/18: Owner called to acknowledge orders and stated all violations would be addressed within weeks

Andy's Café - Timeline

3/16/18: Shots fired

3/31/18: Gun run

4/18/18: Gun run

6/23/18: Fight at the bar

6/24/18: Intoxicated patron cited for disorderly behavior

8/15/18: Fight at the bar

10/17/18: Health inspection – repeat violations noted for unsanitary conditions

10/31/18: Health inspection – repeat violations noted for unsanitary conditions in kitchen, unmaintained plumbing, litter, non-functional equipment, lack of required knowledge and training on food safety

11/5/18: Civil offense issued for failure to comply with building orders

Andy's Café - Timeline

11/14/18: Health inspection – repeat violations noted for lack of required knowledge and training on food safety

12/6/18: Liquor inspection – officers observed burnt marijuana butts and the strong odor of marijuana throughout. Officers recovered three baggies of cocaine on the second floor pool table.

12/7/18: Robbery in the bar

2/4/19: Health inspection – repeat violations insanitary conditions including uncovered trash receptacle, nonfunctional equipment, and litter

2/21/19: Disorderly run to bar

Andy's Café

 *Carthage Civic League*

P.O. Box 16093

Cincinnati, OH 45216

April 15, 2019

To the Law and Public Safety Committee of the City of Cincinnati,

This is to inform you that the Carthage Civic League and the Carthage community are in agreement that we oppose renewal of Andy's Café liquor license. Since the current owners took over, there have been numerous issues and complaints made at our community council meetings. These issues include, but are not limited to, loud noise, inappropriate, loud and vulgar music and music audible past an appropriate hour of the night, blocking and impeding traffic on Vine St. as well as impeding vehicles trying to turn onto Vine St. from 72nd Street, improper parking of vehicles (such as blocking driveways and alleyways), public urination, intoxication including the destruction of residents' vehicles, trash and litter, the smell of marijuana wafting from within and general disrespect for the community. There was also an incident where a woman was shot somewhere else but ended up on the front steps of Andy's and later died.

Carthage is a tranquil, quiet community. It has had it's problems lately, not unlike most other neighborhoods. Andy's Café has a history as a neighborhood establishment (and has even produced a US Senator/Speaker of the US House of Representatives who swept floors and gathered pop bottles for the owners, his dad and uncle). But now, our neighbors do not visit the Café, our community is plagued with a business that allows its business to be paramount to the wishes and customs of the community, that allows its patrons to ruin and disrupt the lives of neighbors, to have neighbors move, and to alter the character of the neighborhood.

The Carthage Civic League and the Carthage community at-large are asking for you to deny the renewal of Andy's Café liquor license.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this request.

Carthage Civic League

Warsaw Food Mart



Location: 3406 Warsaw Avenue

Neighborhood: East Price Hill

Permit Holder: Warsaw Food Mart LLC

Reason for Objection: Violence, disorder, drugs and repeat liquor violations

Warsaw Food Mart – Liquor Violation Timeline

7/27/12: Cited for sale to underaged person, illegal sale/possession of drugs, hindering inspection (fine/suspension ordered)

12/05/13: Cited for selling alcohol to underage person (fine/suspension ordered)

6/29/17: Cited for selling alcohol to underage person (fine/suspension ordered)

4/13/18: Sold to underage person

12/8/18: Cited for selling alcohol to underage person and sale of drug paraphernalia (54 crack pipes seized)

12/9/18: Cited for selling on Sundays

1/23/19: Cited for selling alcohol to underage person

1/25/19: Sale of drug paraphernalia – clerk indicated they were out of “kits” but sold filter material

Warsaw Food Mart - Summary of Crime

In the last five years:

- 643 calls for police service
- 81 offenses, including 6 felonious assaults
- 96 arrests including 38 drug offenses

Last year:

- 146 calls for police service
- 14 reported offenses including 3 felonious assaults
- 20 arrests including 9 drug arrests, 7 weapons charges and 2 assaults on police officers

Warsaw Food Mart – Heroin/Firearm Buy



Warsaw Food Mart



Warsaw Food Mart



Warsaw Food Mart

March 26, 2019 @ 1:30 PM



Warsaw Food Mart

1 hour later



Mr. Sushi



Location: 138 W. McMillan Street

Neighborhood: CUF

Permit Holder: Sushi Café World of Clifton

Reason for objection: Persistent underage drinking, traffic accidents from overserving

Mr. Sushi – Timeline

3/4/17: Traffic accident caused by intoxicated, overserved & underaged driver

9/1/17: Sale of alcohol to underage person

1/19/18: Traffic accident caused by intoxicated overserved driver

8/10/18: Sale of alcohol to underage person

12/8/18: Sale of alcohol to underage person

1/23/19: Sale of alcohol to underage person

Mr. Sushi



Mr. Sushi



Mr. Sushi



Anonymous

1 Review

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Dec 03, 2014

Wait, what? o.O. If you're an underage college student and want to drink, be sure to go the Clifton location. I won't name the name of the server, because, duh, I'm almost 20 and I asked for a Shirley Temple. Without hesitation, he asked me if I wanted an alcoholic Shirley Temple. 1) A Shirley Temple is a non-alcoholic beverage, so... unless I specifically requested alcohol in my non-alcoholic drink he shouldn't have made such an offer. 2) The Clifton restaurant is located in the heart of a college town, so he shouldn't have been offering *anyone* alcohol. 3) I'm short, small, Asian—and I'm 19. I often get confused for being in high school. I get carded for R-rated movies. He shouldn't have just offered me alcohol like I was some obvious 50 year old woman.

Go here and get your alcoholic Shirley Temples, yo. :D



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Uncle Woody's



Location: 339 Calhoun St

Neighborhood: CUF

Permit Holder: 339 Calhoun LLC

Reason for objection: #1 location in City for serving underaged persons

Uncle Woody's

Accounts for 9.5% of ALL underage possession and sale charges in Cincinnati since 2017

History of liquor violations:

- 6 underage sales of alcohol in 2012
- 2 underage possessions of alcohol in 2014 & 2015

Timeline of recent underage charges

10/12/17: Four underage persons in possession of alcohol

2/2/18: Six underage persons in possession of alcohol

5/31/18: Two underage persons in possession of alcohol

12/8/19: Sale of alcohol to underage person

2/9/19: Three underage persons in possession of alcohol
(but over 20 in the bar)

Uncle Woody's

News

Fake IDs: How many students drink illegally?

Fake IDs have long been a staple on college campuses. With technology creeping into our everyday lives, purchasing fakes has become easier without increasing surveillance.

"I'm about six of them deep," a third-year engineering student said. "I always had someone else's, fake or real ID. A kid from high school, two of some random guy from Tennessee and then three real IDs of someone I know. The real ones worked best."

According to the National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence, 11 percent of the alcohol consumed in the United States is by people ages 12 to 20.

"Friend of mine ordered it, I've never been rejected," said a second-year student who runs a North Carolina fake ID. "It mostly works at the bars and stores that have fakes. Most of the people I know have fakes. I was terrified at first, but now it's not that big of a deal. The cops should worry about other things than college students using fakes to get drunk."

Some students use the fake IDs to avoid being separated from their age friends on the weekends.

"I never had a fake ID," a third-year student said. "The first two years of school without a fake ID were definitely a little tough when it came to meeting up with friends. Now, I have no worries. However, going out with people who are using fakes, especially considering that I don't look very much like a 21-year-old, is sometimes difficult. There's always the chance that you get in to a bar and the friends you came with didn't because of their IDs."

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According to a study in the journal *Alcoholism: Clinical and Experimental Research*, students used fake IDs about 25 percent of the time they drank alcohol before they turned 21. Outside of that, students obtained alcohol through friends and family members that are of the legal age limit. The more frequently the students utilized their fake IDs, the more often they drank.

"My fake works well, but I only use it where I know most people's work. Like Woody's and Ladder [19]," a freshman with a West Virginia fake ID said.

Uncle Woody's Pub and Ladder 19 did not immediately respond to comment.

She ordered hers on the internet over the summer, but said most people she knew ordered in groups through people.

"Almost everyone I know has one or has ordered one. I think it's easy and I forget it's illegal, it doesn't feel like a big deal," she said.

"I got my fake the summer going into my sophomore year — very easy to get — ordered it online from a website on Reddit, 'rfakeid.' It took a month to get here from China," a third-year student in the college of arts and sciences said. "My fake worked at any bar and restaurant in the Clifton area, even Murphy's Pub. Now that it got cracked, not having it is going to be hard, because my friends all have one."

Murphy's Pub has not been able to be reached for comment.

The subreddit, *rfakeid*, serves as an ecosystem for fake ID suppliers and consumers. They offer a weekly-updated list of verified fake ID vendors based on quality, estimated time of arrival and price. The specific online forum boasts over 30,000 subscribers.

"Reselling fake IDs allows me to capitalize on otherwise 'useless' skills such as Internet anonymity," writes *rfakeid* over a weekend, when asked about how the online forum serves as an economic machine to the counterfeit market.

"Anyone can buy a fake ID online, but it takes certain skills to be able to resell successfully while keeping operation security high. Those who resell fakes with no operation security will fail. Those who resell with high-operation security will be around for a long time without getting in trouble."

Online marketplaces allow for clearer communication with little transparency. The only stipulations required are a good picture, some personal information and then a money transfer. Most vendors on *rfakeid* prefer bitcoin, which can easily be bought and transferred through platforms such as Coinbase.

"[rfakeid] is just a meeting ground."

nothing less and nothing more. Illegal shit doesn't happen on Reddit," writes *rfakeid* user *u/AKAdelta*. "Each vendor has a site or email they sell through. Reddit is advertising only. Moderators verify legit vendors that advertise on the subreddit. People pay vendors with Bitcoin usually. You send the relevant information for your order through email channels and then you get your product a few weeks later."

A first-year student who uses her friend's Pennsylvania fake ID said that while she does use her fake regularly, she is still wary of the consequences.

"It works pretty well because I just use it at freshman bars," she said. "I just use it to get places with my friends. I'm fine using it, but of course there is always a chance that I get denied. It's kind of nerve-racking, especially if there is a chance of it being taken and it's not convenient."

"Buying alcohol at the Kroger or big liquor stores is always a bad idea," a third-year student said.

"For most places in Cincinnati, it works."



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just fine. I purchased it online using bitcoin," a third-year student with a North Carolina fake ID said. "It doesn't hold up to being scanned, though. A majority of my friends have or had fake IDs. I've got no real problem using it. It's a great tool for expanding your horizons through your initial years of college."

A study by Julia Martinez, Patricia Rutledge and Kenneth Sher published in the *United States National Library of Medicine* examines the demographics of fake ID use on college campuses. Through a sample of 3,720 undergraduate students, the authors were able to establish a few trends and dynamics.

Results from the study showed that fake ID ownership increased from 12.5 percent before college to 22.2 percent by the student's fourth semester. They also concluded that Greek life members were more likely to have fake IDs. Ownership of a fake ID resulted in concurrent heavy drinking including the following semester.

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3/22/2018

If you take the worst parts of college bars, underage drinking, and trying to find a parking space, you get woody's. They occasionally have enormous, delicious drinks though, and for that it earns that 2nd star.

HarryPeritests 3 points · 8 months ago

No kidding. Uncle Woody's can't keep the (often underage) patrons away.

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okthasanks Madisonville 2 points · 8 months ago

That's partially because they don't card

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Knowlton Tavern



Location: 1326 Knowlton Street

Neighborhood: Northside

Permit Holder: LB LLC, Inc.

Reason for objection: Gang violence and drug dealing

Knowlton Tavern

Since the current permit holder acquired the bar in 2014:

- Calls for service have increased 1,127%
- 16 reported criminal offenses: 1 murder and 5 felonious assaults
- Arrests for 16 criminal offenses including 6 drug charges and 1 weapons charge

Most of the violent crime was related to a criminal gang taking up residence in the bar: the Northside Taliband

- Between January of 2018 and June of 2018: CPD made 7 purchases of controlled substances (marijuana and crack cocaine) from Northside Taliband members inside Knowlton's Tavern
- 4 of those transactions involved or were in the presence of the owner or her employees

Knowlton Tavern



Knowlton Tavern

19 A. There is no drug activity in this
20 bar. I mean, I can tell you why if you want to
21 know why there is none.

22 Q. Sure.

23 A. Because I'm affiliated with the
24 Iron Horsemen. The Iron Horsemen would never

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1 let that happen, ever.

Knowlton Tavern



Brownstone



Location: 7733 Reading Road

Neighborhood: Roselawn

Permit holder: SGH Enterprises LLC

Reason for objection: Violence, disorder, drugs, and persistent liquor violations

Brownstone

7733 Reading Road

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City Hall - ATT: Law + Safety Department
801 Plum Street
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To Whom it May Concern -

I'm writing this letter to you out of Concern
And disbelief regarding illegal activity in
the Community.

I have 2 daughters and my youngest daughter
who is 22 yrs old recently visited a club called
Brownstone located at 7733 Reading Rd in
Roselawn. She ~~said~~ ^{and} ~~with~~ ^{with} another girl friend
thought it was a safe place to spend a Friday
night because of the Police stationed outside,
however once inside she said there were people
freely and openly smoking marijuana, there were
under age teenagers drinking and smoking as well.
They were told that the club was open
until 4Am and that they would ^{see} be able to
buy alcohol.

This can not be allowed to continue. It
perpetuates negative behavior in our teens and
young adults, ie fights, drunk or impaired driving, bitering
etc.

Concerned Citizen

Brownstone – Liquor Violations

4/14/17: After-hours furnishing of alcohol

9/1/18: After-hours furnishing of alcohol

12/19/18: After-hours furnishing and consumption of alcohol & permitting drug use

1/27/19: After-hours furnishing and consumption of alcohol & permitting drug use

2/8/19: Unsanitary conditions & illegal possession of liquor

2/9/19: After-hours consumption of alcohol, permitting drug use, & drug trafficking

4/9/19: After-hours consumption of alcohol, served an underaged person with alcohol & drug trafficking

Brownstone – Unpaid Taxes & Fees

Brownstone:

- Has 7 cases of unpaid state taxes since 2016
- Is currently in arrears on state taxes
- Not paid City admissions tax for last 30 months
- Not paid for dance hall license for this year
- Owes City \$37,000 for police services

Brownstone

In the past five years at 7733 Reading Road:

- 267 calls for service including 10 calls for shots fired
- 72 criminal offenses reported including 6 felonious assaults & 17 assaults
- 138 charges for criminal offenses including 51 disorderly conduct charges, 5 weapons charges, 9 assaults, 12 felony drug charges, 9 weapons offenses, 5 resisting arrest, & 2 assault on a police officer

Recent violence connected to Brownstone's policy of serving after-hours:

- 12/30/18: three men shot after leaving Brownstone at 4 AM
- 1/27/19: one person murdered after leaving Brownstone after 2:30 AM
- 8 of 9 arrests for disorderly conduct since September of 2018 occurred after 2:30 AM
- 2 rapes

Cincinnati Police Department Detail was cancelled



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